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Peru: APRA Leader Says Peru Aligned With U.S. Policy

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((Interview with Alan Garcia Perez, secretary general of the  
American Revolutionary Popular Alliance -- APRA on the  
program "Vision" -- Place not given -- live or recorded))

((Excerpt)) ((passage omitted)) ((Question)) Your party has  
accused the Peruvian Government of aligning itself with the U.S.

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*(Query sent out 29 Apr)*

Government's foreign policy. It is quite likely that those who maintain this may state that the fact that Peru did not sign the Law of the Sea Convention -- in accordance with a position which the United States systematically supports and proposes to other friendly countries -- proves this alignment. The fact that Peru finally accepted the U.S. proposal not to sign the convention surprised many. But, Mr Secretary General of the APRA, don't you think that your party's charges are incongruent with its support of the decision not to sign the Law of the Sea Convention?

((Answer)) No. No my friend Cesar. We never stated that the fact that Peru did not sign the Law of the Sea Convention proved the country's alignment with the policy of industrialized nations or that of the United States. Our party also supported the decision not to sign the convention since we believed it was a hasty and unconstitutional decision, therefore, this is not what we had stated. If you analyze our document carefully...

((Question)) But that is what the United States maintains. The United States believes that the Law of the Sea Convention must not be signed and that is why Peru hasn't done so.

((Answer)) No, I do not believe Peru followed the U.S. stance. I have praised the president's decision to postpone the signing of the convention since he believed that the decision should be discussed at the national level at length.

((Question)) But do you admit that Peru's decision involuntarily coincided with the U.S. Government position?

((Answer)) Now then, let me point out that this is not the main issue of our document which states that Peru has aligned

we accept this and hope for the approval of the code of subsidies  
-- to which the government still has not given us any answer.  
While they try to sell as much as possible to Third World  
countries we, on the contrary, have lowered our taxes thus  
encouraging imports. It is in this regard that we have adjusted  
to the industrialized countries, thus serving their interests  
before serving the interests of our domestic production. ((passage  
omitted))

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